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1. PRIME MINISTER RABIN RECEIVED EX-HEBRON MAYOR JA'ABARI JANUARY 26 CAUSING A FLURRY OF FRONT-PAGE STORIES, PICTURES OF THE TWO TOGETHER, AND MEDIA REPORTS. THE SAME DAY JA'ABARI WAS ALSO GUEST OF HONOR AT A BANQUET HOSTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE KNESSET (NEWS PICTURES SHOWED HIM AT A KNESSET LUNCHEON TABLE ENSCONCED BETWEEN THE SPEAKER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON).

2. RABIN AND JA'ABARI ISSUED NO STATEMENT AFTER THEIR DISCUSSION, BUT THE PRESS REPORTS THAT JA'ABARI RELAYED JORDANIAN INSISTENCE ON A COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE WEST BANK AND EAST JERUSALEM, WHILE RABIN WAS SAID TO HAVE REPLIED THAT JORDAN WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER TERRITORIAL COMPROMISES, JUST AS SYRIA AND EGYPT WILL.

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RABIN ADDED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD ISRAEL PULL BACK TO THE PRE-1967 WAR FRONTIERS. RABIN ALSO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION THAT THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN AN OUTSTANDING RECEPTION TO JA'ABARI DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO AMMAN, A POINT WHICH IS ALSO MADE IN THE GOVERNMENT PRESS BULLETIN ISSUED ON JA'ABARI'S KNESSET LUNCHEON.

3. COMMENT: COVERAGE OF THIS EVENT WAS EVEN A BIT MORE EXTENSIVE THAN THAT ACCORDED THE PERES-JA'ABARI SESSION (REFTEL) BUT IT WAS NO LESS FLUFFY. MAARIV BITINGLY CALLS THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS "A JA'ABARI FESTIVAL." THE JERUSALEM POST "DRY BONES" CARTOONIST HAS ONE READER ASKING WHETHER ALL THE PICTURES OF JA'ABARI MEETING ISRAELI LEADERS MEANS SOMETHING, TO WHICH HIS COMPANION RESPONSE "SURE, IT MEANS THAT ISRAELI AND AMERICAN ELECTIONS ARE VERY SIMILAR, EXCEPT THAT THERE THEY KISS BABIES AND HERE THEY KISS SHEIKHS." AMEN.
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